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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Good afternoon and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Members, please record your presence so we can begin this afternoon's proceedings. Roll call. Record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Items for the record or bill introductions?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1070-1072 by title for the first time.) And, Mr. President, a new resolution, LR 284 by Senator Foley. That will be laid over and considered another time. That's all that I have now, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 199-200.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We next resume debate on the adoption of the permanent rules. The speaking order is Senator Dwite Pedersen, followed by Senator Hudkins, Thompson, Redfield, Beutler, Landis and Janssen. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I am on the Rules Committee, have served on the Rules Committee a couple of different times in my time down here at the Legislature. And the Rules Committee worked very hard to come up with something that we thought you, the people, and the members of the body would support. It had nothing to do with the fact that we wanted more votes. We talked about that. These rules that we have here left the number at 33. I would like to see that lower. I agree with Senator Brashear. I'd see majority should rule. But the body doesn't see it that way, and